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DX News

TX0T Tatakoto Atoll OC-298 now QRT –update by Cezar VE3LYC

I made it to Papeete in time, and I'm waiting for my flight to San Francisco to be open for check-in in a few minutes. The log is now available at Club Log. However, I won't be able to attend to any inquiries until I'll return back home and have a good sleep, hi. I know that some chasers couldn't make the log, and I am truly sorry for it. This being said, I hope that those I was able to copy and log have lived this adventure just as intensely as I did. Thank you all for the pileups!

3Y0I Bouvet –update by Rebel DX Group

We are still pushing with the missing budget (\$24300) to finalize last payment for the vessel to make 3Y0I happen. So far (as an international team) we still can't travel to South Africa due the Covid situation. **Bouvet is not cancelled!** All our equipment is ready there, waiting for us.

Time is running like crazy, also Antarctic summer will not wait for us so long... Please keep in mind that we will maybe need to reschedule this trip for the next season.

In the meantime Dom 3Z9DX received his Fijian government travel permit to go back to the Pacific Rebel Base as a back up plan. There is three different DXCC's around: 3D2/C Conway, 3D2/R Rotuma, 3D2 Fiji + several IOTAs including some very rare groups. Unfortunately, cyclone season starts from November to March... so all looks very difficult and hard from logistic point of view. Let's see what happens soon.

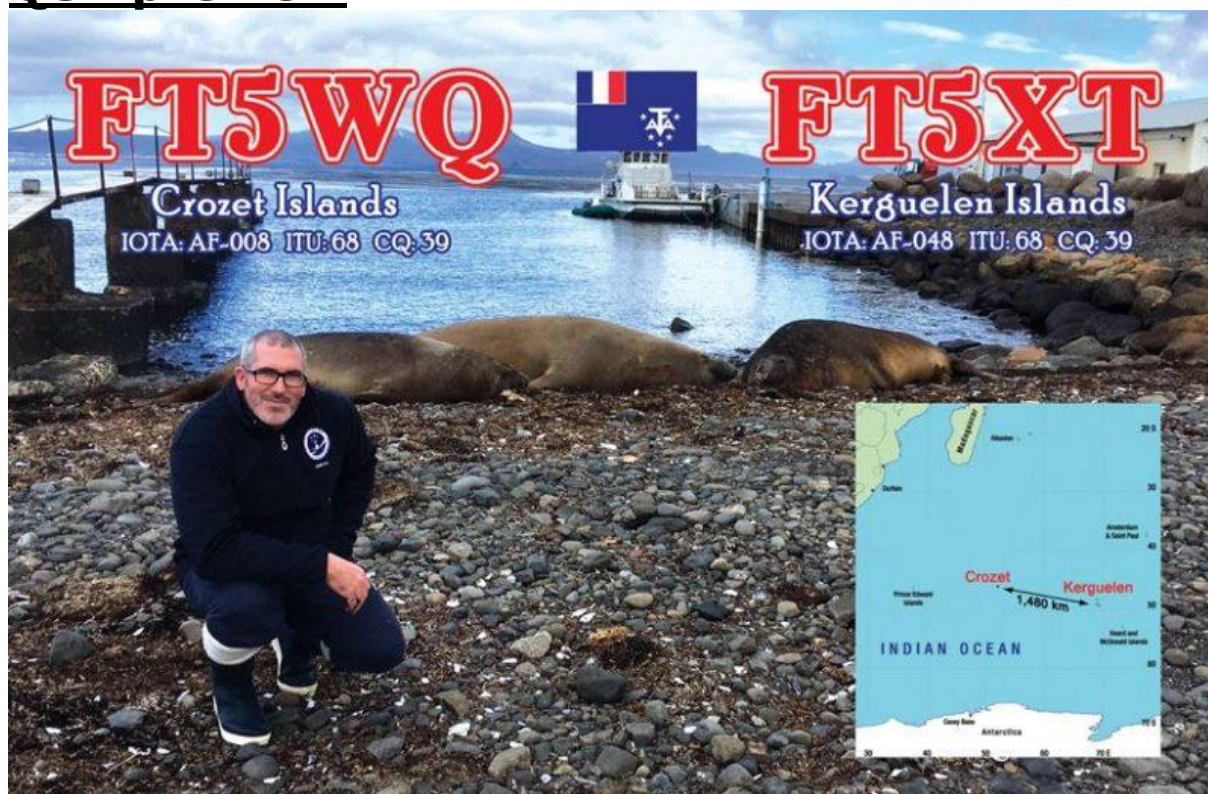
R207RRC AS-207 –video

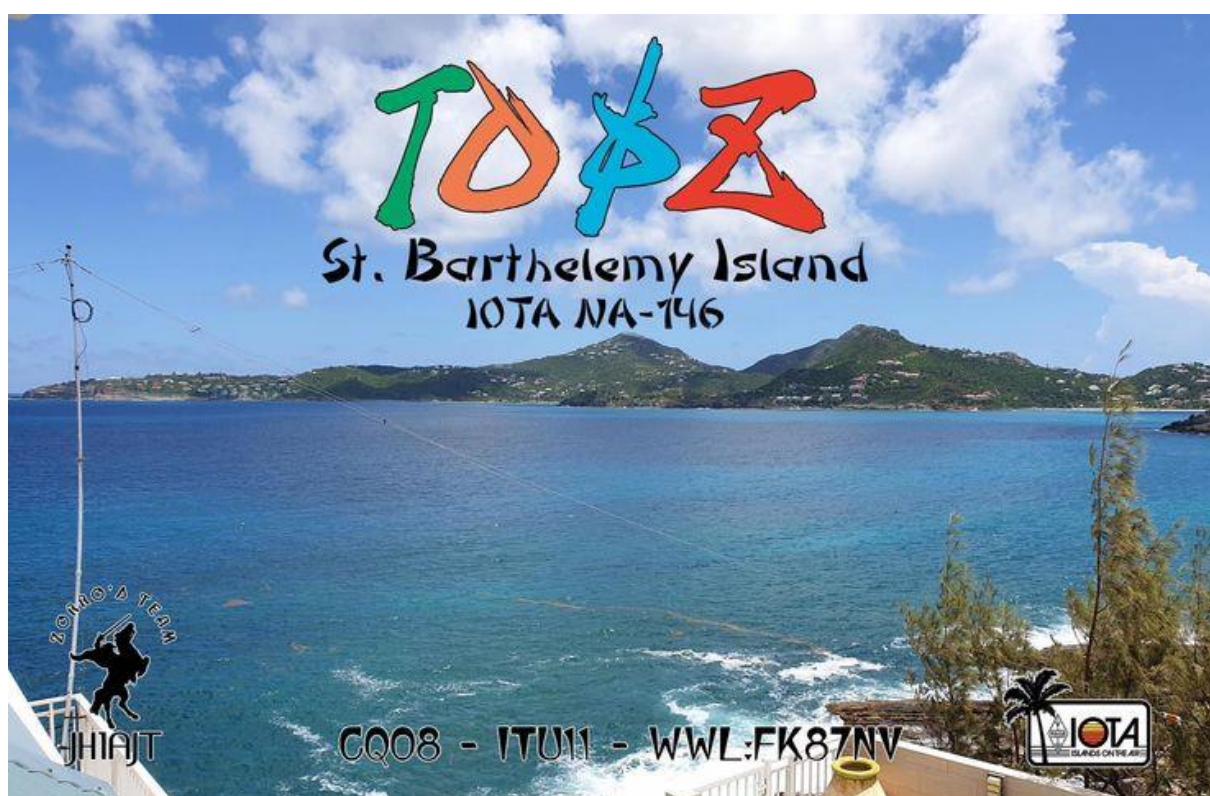
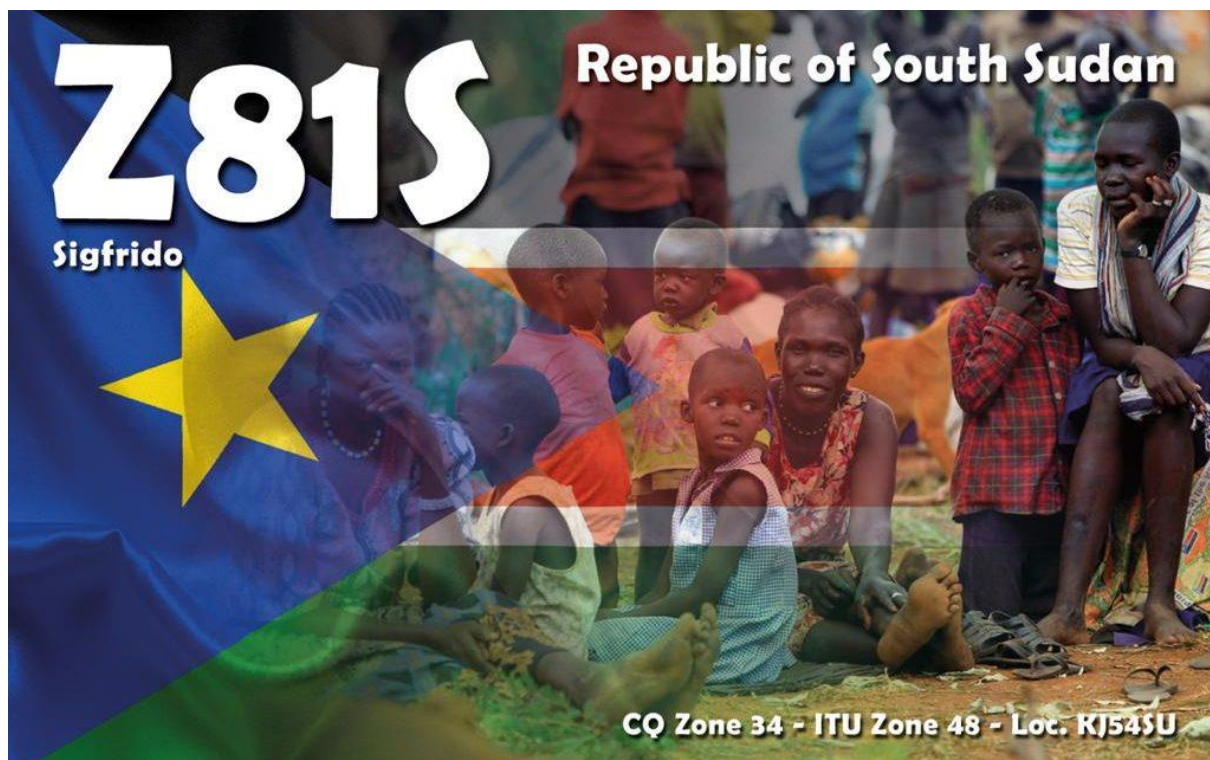
In April this year a team from the Russian Robinson Club activated a new IOTA (Kosa Dvukh Pilotov Island AS-207) as R207RRC. The expedition was documented on DX-World and can be found **here**. <https://www.dx-world.net/video-r207rrc-as-207/>

JX2US Jan Mayen –update November 5

JX2US has been active for just over three weeks and has currently made **6200 QSOs**. Note: CW activity will be on/around IOTA frequencies or at the lower band edges. Also some fresh snowfall on the island today.

QSL preview





This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.

SU, NIGER Adrien, F4IHM is currently on a mission assignment to Niamey. During his spare time he operates on HF as 5U4IHM using FT8. QSL via home call.

7Q, MALAWI A team with R7AL, EW7L, R9LR, RA1ZZ and RZ3K will be active as 7Q7RU between November 6 and November 19. Operation from 160 to 70cm using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via R7AL, Club Log, LoTW.

7Q, MALAWI Don, K6ZO is active again as 7Q6M from the Embangweni Mission Hospital until December 5. QRV during his spare time. QSL via home call, direct.

8Q, MALDIVES Remo, HB9SHD is active as 8Q7RM until November 29. QRV in 'holiday-style' on HF using SSB and digi.

9G, GHANA Tom, DL2RMC is operating as 9G5FI on 30, 20 and 17 meter using CW and FT8. Length of stay is unknown. QSL via DL1RTL.

FG, GUADELOUPE Philippe, F1DUZ is again active as FG4KH until November 5. QSL via home call direct or LoTW.

FT, CROZET / KERGUELEN ISL A reminder that Gildas, F4HQZ is captain of a fishing vessel which sails in the FT5 area for up to 3 months so activity from Crozet (as FT5WQ) or Kerguelen (as FT5XT) can be very sporadic. He sometimes signs FT5XT/MM and has recently been QRV briefly from the ship, not the rare DXCC islands. Info from 2016 & 2017 below is still relevant today.

HK, COLOMBIA Lothar, DK8LRF extends his stay until end December. QRV as HK3JCL.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take, JG8NQJ is QRV as call/JD1 during his spare time until mid-January 2021. Activity on HF using CW. QSL via JA8CJY.

JX, JAN MAYEN Erik LA2US is active as JX2US from Jan Mayen this coming (northern hemisphere) winter. He operates CW, FT8 and probably some more modes. Focus on 160m, 80m, 40m and 30m. The season lasts from early October '20 to the end of March '21.

KH9, WAKE ISL Tom, NL7RR is a contractor working on Wake island. His KH9/NL7RR operation is time permitting, but does hope to operate (daily) between 06:00 - 08:00 UTC on 20 or 40 SSB.

V3, BELIZE Jim, W2JHP is active in 'holiday-style' until November 8. Operation as V31TA on HF using SSB and digi. QSL via EA5GL direct.

V3, BELIZE Robert, W0YBS is operating as V31CO from Caye Caulker. Operation until November 13 from 80 to 10 meter using CW, RTTY and FT8. QSL via LoTW or via home call, direct or bureau.

YI, IRAQ Giorgio IU5HWS is active until end around January 20, 2021 as YI9/IU5HWS. QRV on 40-20-10 meter. Giorgio will update his YI/IU5HWS page on QRZ.com with more details later.

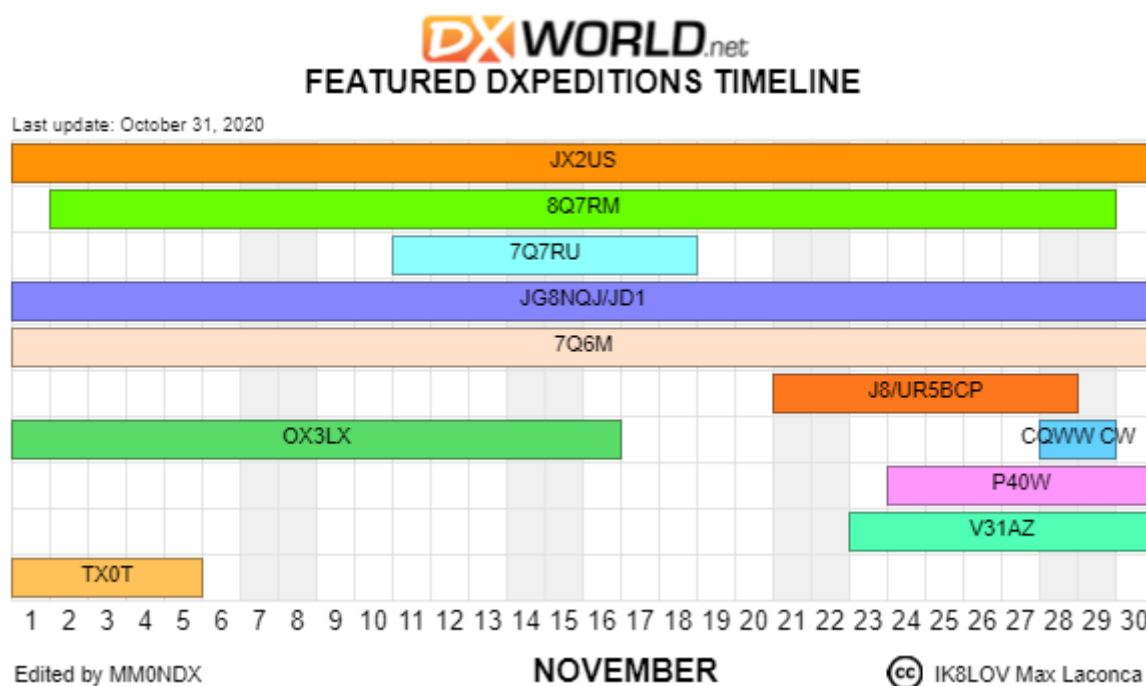
Z8, SOUTH SUDAN Sigfrido, IW9FMD is once again active as Z81S as part of UNMISS (United Nations Mission in South Sudan). QRV when time permits. QSL via IT9YVO.

ZD7, ST HELENA David, ZD7DC and Daniel, ZD7DL run the Prince Andrew Secondary School amateur radio club on Saint Helena with the principle aim of engaging the younger generation on the island to show them what ham radio is. Look out for ZD7PAS mostly on 20m SSB; sometimes tutoring students with David or Daniel overseeing activities. They run an IC-706MKII and usually a G5RV antenna. QSL via ZD7DL.

Coming up soon

FS, ST MARTIN David, F8AAN will once again be active as FS/call from November 18 until December 4. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW only. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

DXCC timeline



IOTA

This week on air

ASIA

AS-015 Penang Isl Yoshida, JE1SCJ is active as 9M4DXX until end December. Usually active during the weekends on all bands using FT8. QSL via JA0DMV.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-134 Aasiaat Isl Bo, OX3LX is once again active until November 16. QRV mostly around lunchtime and after dinner. QSL via OZ0J.

OCEANIA

OC-298 Tatakoto Atoll Cezar (VE3LYC) is operating as TX0T from Tatakoto Atoll, French Polynesia until November 5. Cezar puts his focus on 17, 20, 30 and 40m operating CW and SSB. Visit [here](#) for more information about this project.

Coming up soon

OCEANIA

OC-137 Russell Isl Mike, VK4DX will be operating as call/P from November 19 until November 24. Operation from 40 to 15 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW Club Log OQRS.

On the scene

A view on JX2US Jan Mayen.



TX0T Tatakoto Atoll OC-298 by Cezar VE3LYC, picture shows the harbour.



7Q7RU MALAWI tem picture with R7AL, EW7L, R9LR, RA1ZZ and RZ3K.



NA-134 Aasiaat Island, a view by Bo OX3LX.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

J8, GRENADINES Oleh, KD7WPJ will be QRV J8/UR5BCP on November 21-28. He will operate FT8, FT4, CW and SSB from 40-6 meter. QSL via KD7WPJ (direct or bureau), digimodes QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW.

PJ4, BONAIRE John, K4BAI will be active as PJ4A during the CQWW DX CW contest. Operation outside the contest as PJ4/call. QSL via home call.

TZ, MALI Ulmar, DK1CE will once again be active from Bamako as TZ1CE. Activity starting end November / early December on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

THE REMINDERS

3D2, ROTUMA The next Rotuma DXpedition will be the Rehanisi Memorial DXpedition, tentatively planned for late December 2020 to mid-January 2021 (weather permitting). This coming trip will primarily be for the purpose of finalising the tombstone memorial for our dear late son in Rotuma.

3Y, BOUVET The Rebels will try to activate Bouvet somewhere December 2020. More to follow.

5H, TANZANIA Roman, RA/3W3RR (ex-9Q9RR) has announced plans to be active from Zanzibar island, AF-032. Currently no set dates as to when 5H1RR activity may happen due to COVID-19. More info to follow in due course..

8Q, MALDIVES Nobby, G0VJG will be active as 8Q7CQ (pending) from the Reethi Faru resort between January 14 and January 29. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digi.

A3, TONGA Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as A35GC somewhere in 2021. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logs uploaded during the DXpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

CE0Y, EASTER ISLAND The Polish DXpedition Team with Jan SP3CYY, Jurek SP3GEM, Wlodek SP6EQZ, Janusz SP6IXF, Roman SP9FOW and Piotr SP9RCL will be active somewhere during 2021 as XR0YSP. Plans are to be QRV with 3 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8.

CU, AZORES Travel restrictions permitting, look for Dave WJ2O to be active from Ponta Delgada during the CQWW CW contest (November 28-29) as CU2/call. QRV as SOAB LP. No 160m. QSL via N2ZN.

CY0, SABLE ISL Permission for a DXpedition has been authorized with the team: WA2DAN, N2IEN, K5DHY, K5YY, K4UEE, WW2DX, AA4NC, N8AA, N2TU. The CY0C Sable Island DXpedition team will be active somewhere October 2021.

<http://cy0dxpedition.net/index.html>

E6, NIUE Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM during October-November 2021. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logs uploaded during the DXpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Chris, VO1CH updates DX-World that due to Covid-19, the TO5T DXpedition to St Pierre & Miquelon has been postponed until August 8-16, 2021. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <http://www.to5t.com/>

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Eric, KV1J will once again be active as FP/call between June 29 and July 13, 2021. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW. <http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July20.html>

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA Tom, KH0/KC0W informs: due to Covid this trip will be postponed. As soon the situation changes Tom will let us know when he departs Saipan.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL A DXfriends DXpedition will take place to San Cristobal. QSL via EA5RM. More to follow.

J8, GRENADINES Brian, GW4DVB will be operating as J88PI between July 23 and August 1, 2021. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

<https://www.g4dvh.co.uk/dxpedition-2017>

KH4, MIDWAY ISL Ron, KH6DV announces a trip to Midway during the second half of February 2021 for about 2 weeks (if the COVID 19 is under control). Midway Atoll is #14 on the Clublog most wanted list and has not been active for some time. The aircraft used for the logistics flights has been downsized and visitors are no longer allowed to fly to the island. Operators interested in joining the expedition should be prepared to undertake a 6.75 day ocean voyage. The vessel DXpedition veteran A/S Machias can be seen on my QRZ page KH6DV. The vessel will provide all power (2 x 27KW generators and air conditioned sleeping, operating and galley areas.)

More to follow.

KH8, SWAINS ISL Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it is still impossible to travel to Swains Island. This means that we have to postpone our DXpedition until Spring 2021 at the earliest. Alex Jennings (owner of island) and the team will start planning again as soon as we are allowed to travel to American Samoa without restrictions (such as 14 days in quarantine).

P4, ARUBA John, W2GD will again be QRV as P40W from November 24 to December 1. Activity on HF bands with an emphasis on CW. QSL via LoTW.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be active as PJ7AA from February 27 until March 27, 2021. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

PZ, SURINAME Markus, DJ4EL informs: Due to the rising Covid-19 cases in Europe tourists who would like to visit Suriname must bring a negative Covid-19 test and are required to be quarantined for 10 days after arrival. The second problem is that on the way back to Germany I would have to travel via Amsterdam airport which could make another Covid-19 test and another quarantine at home necessary. New dates: PZ5GE, Easter 2021. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

TI, COSTA RICA Members of AB3G will be operating from different Costa Rican provinces during a week of Summits on the Air. They will be QRV between January 3-9, 2021. <https://ab3g.weebly.com/#>

TT, CHAD The Italian DXpedition Team will be active as TT8RR (CW, SSB and RTTY) and as TT8XX (FT8) during 2021 from Ndjamena. Nine operators (I1FQH, I1HJT, I2PJA, I2YSB, IK2CIO, IK2CKR, IK2DIA, IK2HKT and IK2RZP) will be active with four stations on all bands. QSL via I2YSB (direct only).

<http://www.i2ysb.com/idx/>

V3, BELIZE Jeff, N1SNB will be active as V31AZ during the CQWW CW contest (November 28-29). QSL via home call.

V4, ST KITTS John, W5JON will once again be active as V47JA from Calypso Bay between February 13 and March 5. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW or via home call direct.

VK9W, WILLIS ISLAND The 2016/2019 CY9C team, and the upcoming Sable Island DXpedition CY0C team, is pleased to announce our next DXpedition. After the Sable CY0C DXpedition, they will go to Willis Island VK9W in 2021. 8 Operators from those two teams will comprise the 2021 Willis Island DXpedition team. Boat arrangements have already been made. We are currently working with the Australian government for the necessary permits. (WA4DAN). More to follow.

VQ9, DIEGO GARCIA Dates are not confirmed, nor length of activity, but Bob DU7ET could again be active from Diego Garcia as VQ9ET later this year. Update to follow...

XT, BURKINA FASO Max, DK1MAX will once again be active as XT2MAX somewhere during 2021. QSL via EA5GL. More to follow.

YN, NICARAGUA Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

Z6, KOSOVO A Belgian team will be active somewhere in 2021 from Kosovo. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log, OQRS.

Announced IOTA

THE REMINDERS

ASIA

AS-152 Bol'shoy Begichev Dates are not yet confirmed, however the Arctic Legends team (RT9K) recently received their RIOQ license with a view to being active from Bol'shoy Begichev AS-152 in early 2021.

EUROPE

EU-111 Monach Isles A team with G0VJG, G2NF, G4TSH, GM0WED, G4FAL and G0FDZ will be active as MM8C during the IOTA 2021 contest period from Ceann Ear. Outside the contest they will be active as GM3RCV.

EU-123 Bass Rock Team MS0INT has today been granted permission to land on the Bass Rock (EU-123) and to undertake an IOTA DXpedition there. Tentative date: April 17-18, 2021. The Bass Rock has only ever been activated three times (1997, 2001, 2008) according to research. The team is indebted to Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Sir Hew Dalrymple for allowing them to land on his island.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-039 Adak Isl Rob N7QT, Yuri N3QQ and Yuri UA9OBA will be active as KL7RRC from Adak Island during June 2021. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via N7RO.

NA-070 Kiska Isl Rob N7QT, Yuri N3QQ and Yuri UA9OBA will be active as KL7RRC from Kiska Island during June 2021. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via N7RO.

NA-079 Dry Tortugas Isl A team with Connor W4IPC, Matt AE4MQ, James WX4TV, Zach KN4KVC, Mike N3KPU, Grace KE3G and Mason KM4SII will be active as N4T around December 2020. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8 and satellites. QSL via LoTW. <https://www.qrz.com/db/n4t>

OCEANIA

OC-037 New Zealand Sub Antarctic Islands (Campbell Island) The Perseverance DX Group (PDXG) has some unfinished business. Several members participated on the 2012 ZL9 activation that was cut short by weather. After their successful VP8PJ South Orkney Islands 2020 DXpedition, PDXG is pleased to announce their intention to activate the New Zealand Sub-Antarctic Islands (ZL9), Campbell Island. Club Log #24 most wanted, in the 2021-2022 time-frame.

The plan includes 160-10m operation, CW/SSB/RTTY/FT8, with emphasis on 160, 80, 60, 40 and, propagation dependent, 12 and 10 meters.

The landing permit process is pending and discussions with transportation partners have begun. However, the Covid-19 lockdown has caused significant delays and uncertainty.

OC-139 Kangaroo Isl Grant, VK5GR informs that he will be back in January for a longer break. This will be a 'holiday-style' operation. More to follow.

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-092 Papegaaen Isl Markus, DJ4EL informs DX-World that he has new dates for his IOTA DXpedition to Papegaaen Island as PZ5G. He hopes to be QRV from this rare IOTA during April 2-5. Activity on 80-10m using CW and SSB.

-PZ5G grid GJ15kv (10-80 meter CW and SSB)

-PZ5GE grid GJ25kr (10-40 meter using SSB only)

More on QRZ.com

Antarctica base stations

Belgrano II Base According to Henry, LU4DXU the Belgrano II Base in Antarctica (LU1ZG) is now active throughout October 2020. QRV mainly on FT8. IOTA reference is AN-011 (Ross Island). QSL via LoTW or LU4AA. Keep an eye on W.A.P Worldwide Antarctica Program for any further info.

Halley VI Base Seba SQ1SGB will sail to Halley VI Base in December and hopes to be active for 5 weeks starting beginning of January 2021. Callsign might be SQ1SGB/VP8 (if VP8HAL is not be allowed due to the new **strange rules** of the Falklands authorities). It's also possible he may use alternative call such as SQ1SGB/A or maybe /ANT or /P. QSL via EB7DX.

King Se-Jong Base As part of the next scientific team, look for Lee, DS4NMJ to again be active from the King Se-Jong Korean Antarctic Base on King George Island, South Shetlands as DT8A in 2021. QRV on FT8, CW & SSB, 100w. QSL via DS5TOS. Dates to be confirmed.

Mirny Station Alexander, RX3ABI is QRV as RI1ANM from Mirny Base, IOTA AN-016, until early 2021 while on work assignment. Activity during his spare time on 40 and 20 meters using FT8. QSL via home call.

Syowa Station The 61st Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition's overwintering team at the Syowa Station on East Ongul Island (AN-015), Antarctica includes Taka, JA1AGS and Hiro, JH7JCX. In their spare time they are QRV from the 8J1RL club station, with activity on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres mainly FT8. They will be there until January 2021. QSL via the bureau to 8J1RL, or direct to JG2MLI.

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

4X, ISRAEL Look for **4X0RMN** from Ramon (Israel's largest National Park) on November 13-14. QSL via 4X6ZM.

F, FRANCE Rodrigue, F8DFO will be active as **TM1GC** between 18 November and 2 December. The special callsign memorialises Carl F. Gauss (1777- 1855), one of the most influential mathematicians of all time. QSL via F8DFO. (TNX 425DX)

HP, PANAMA Special call **3E1FP** is active during November to celebrate the 116th anniversary of Vida Republicana of Panama. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via HP3BSM.

LU, ARGENTINA Members of the Radio Club QRM Belgrano will be QRV as **LU4AAO**, **LU4AAO/A** and **LU4AAO/D** to celebrate Dia de la Tradicion from November 7 until November 15. Activity will be on all HF and V/UHF bands using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL direct via LU4AAO.

LY, LITHUANIA Members of the Radistu Asociacija are QRV as **LY111A** until November 30 to commemorate the 111th anniversary of General Jonas Zemaitis, Chairman of the Presidium of the LLKS. Activity is on various HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via LY5A.

ON, BELGIUM Members of the UBA-KTK are QRV as **OPOPEACE** from Kortrijk until November 30 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. QSL via operators' instructions.

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Henk, PE4T is QRV as special event station **PE75T** from Peize until December 31 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Dutch Radio Amateur Organization Veron. Activity is on the HF bands and with FT8. QSL via operator's instructions.

SV, GREECE Nine multi-operator special event stations - namely SX1A, SX2A, SX3A, SX4A, SX5A (Dodecanese), SX6A, SX7A, SX8A and SX9A (Crete) - will be active during the countdown to the 200th anniversary of the "Agonas" (the Struggle), the Greek Revolution of 1821 which led to the formation of modern Greece. The countdown will start at -99 days to the actual celebration day (25 March 2021), and a serial number will be appended to each special callsign as follows:

16-25 December from SX9A/99 to SX9A/90
26 December-05 January from SX8A/89 to SX8A/80
05-14 January from SX7A/79 to SX7A/70
15-24 January from SX6A/69 to SX6A/60
25 January-03 February from SX5A/59 to SX5A/50
04-13 February from SX4A/49 to SX4A/40
14-23 February from SX3A/39 to SX3A/30
24 February-05 March from SX2A/29 to SX2A/20
06-15 March from SX1A/19 to SX1A/10
16 March SX9A/9
17 March SX8A/8
18 March SX7A/7
19 March SX6A/6
20 March SX5A/5
21 March SX4A/4
22 March SX3A/3
23 March SX2A/2
24 March SX1A/1

The serial numbers will be dropped only on 25 March. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, eQSL, or direct to SV2GWY. An award will be available, see qrz.com's entry for any of the special callsigns. (TNX 425DX)

TA, TURKEY TA0ACL, TA2FB and TA2IJ will be active as **TC97TC** on 29-31 October to celebrate the 97th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Turkey (29 October 1923). QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

TI, COSTA RICA On September 15, 2021, the Bicentennial of the Independence of Costa Rica will be celebrated with great fanfare. In commemoration of such an important and historical event, a team of radio amateurs will be activating the special call sign **TI200I** to celebrate 200 years of independent life of Costa Rica.

The goal is to make Costa Rican independence known to the world with pride on its Bicentennial.

Activation will begin on September 15, 2021 at 00:00 UTC and will end on October 29, 2021 at 00:00 UTC.

Bands – 6 to 80m (+ 2m).

Modes – SSB, CW and FT8 (+ FM).

Contacts will be confirmed via LotW, QRZ & QSL manager.

The team of operators will be announced soon.

UA, RUSSIA Special callsigns **R2020DX, R30MDXC, RA30DX, RC30DX, RD30DX, RG30DX, RJ30DX, RK30DX, RL30DX, RM30DX, RN30DX, RO30DX, RQ30DX, RT30DX, RU30DX, RV30DX, RW30DX, RX30DX, RY30DX, RZ30DX and UE30DX** will be active on 16-29 November to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Miller DX Club. QSL via RQ7L. (TNX 425DX)

THE REMINDERS

4U1UN UNITED NATIONS HQ New York Special callsign **4U75UN** until end 2020 (operated remotely) will be used to celebrate the opening of the General Assembly and the 75th anniversary of the United Nations.

The General Assembly, established in 1945 under the United Nations Charter, is a main deliberative organ of the United Nations. It brings together delegations of all Member States to examine international issues.

The UN is marking its 75th anniversary at a time of great disruption for the world, compounded by an unprecedented global health crisis with severe economic and social impacts. COVID-19 is a stark reminder of the need for cooperation across borders, sectors and generations. QSL via HB9BOU.

5B, CYPRUS Amateur radio operators in Cyprus celebrate the 60th anniversary of their Cyprus Amateur Radio Society (CARS) during 2020 as **prefix 5B60** (e.g. 5B4AIX turns into 5B60AIX). For QSL information see qrz.com.

A60EMM Emirates Mars Mission

The United Arab Emirates has officially entered the global space exploration race. This came after His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed al Nahyan, President of the UAE, issued a decree to establish the UAE Space Agency, and began working on sending the first Arab and Islamic probe to Mars, a project named "Hope Probe". This makes the UAE one of only nine countries working to explore Mars.

The probe will start its journey in 2020, and is scheduled to arrive to Mars by 2021, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the union of the UAE. The planning, management and implementation of the probe project are implemented by an Emirati team, whose members depend on their skills and diligence to acquire all space exploration-related knowledge and applying it. The program is fully funded and supervised by the UAE Space Agency, while the probe is being developed by the Mohammed bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC), in collaboration with international partners.

Ops for 2020:

- * A60EMM/1, Op. A61M, QSL: A61BK
- * A60EMM/2, Op. A61Q, QSL: EA7FTR
- * A60EMM/3, Op. A61FK, QSL: A61BK
- * A60EMM/4, Op. A61BK, QSL: A61BK
- * A60EMM/5, Op. A61DD, QSL: A92AA
- * A60EMM/6, Op. A61QQ, QSL: A61BK
- * A60EMM/7, Op. A61FJ, QSL: LZ1YE
- * A60EMM/8, Op. A61DL, QSL: A61BK
- * A60EMM/9, Op. A61NN, QSL: Direct

<https://www.mbrsc.ae/emirates-mars-mission>

CE, CHILE Members of the Radio Club Copiapo (**CE1CPI**) commemorate the rescue of 33 miners 10 years ago, who were trapped 720m below earth's surface for 69 days. QRV until Nov. 13 on 80-6m (SSB, CW SSTV, FT8, FT4, PSK, RTTY). QSLs will be sent automatically via the bureau; direct via LZ1JZ. (TNX DXNL)

CN, MOROCCO Special callsign **CN45MS** will be active on 1-7 November from Oujda, Morocco to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the so-called Marche Verte (Green March). QSL via RW6HS. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY Special callsign **DK70DARC** is active until 31 December to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club, the German IARU society. QSL via the bureau; direct cards should be sent to DK5ON. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DARC's local branch D13 (Maerkisches Viertel) will operate special call **DL73TXL** until end June 2021 to say goodbye to Berlin-Tegel Airport (IATA code TXL), the main international airport of Berlin, which is expected to close permanently in early November. Along with Gatow and Tempelhof, it played a pivotal role during the Berlin Airlift (1948-1949), organized by the Western Allies to carry supplies to the people of West Berlin. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY **DL250BEETH** (special DOK 250LVB) joins the celebration of Ludwig van Beethoven's 250th birthday until the end of the year. QSL via DJ6SI direct or bureau. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY The special event station **DA2025C** (special DOK 2025CH) supports the bid of Chemnitz to become the European Capital of Culture in 2025. QRV until the end of January 2021. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY The special event callsign **DL35SDR** (special DOK 35SDR) draws attention during 2020 to the rapid development of SDR technology during the past 35 years. It also recognises the achievements of Prof. Ulrich L. Rohde (DJ2LR) in that field. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY **DA0DOM** (special DOK 500DOM) draws attention to the completion of the cathedral in Magdeburg in 1520. QRV during 2020 from 160 to 13 cm using CW, SSB, digital modes and FM. QSL via bureau, DL8CWA (d), LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (the German IARU society), special calls **DF70DARC** and **DP70DARC** are on air during 2020. QSL via bureau, LoTW or direct to DK5DC; logsearch on Club Log.

<http://www.70darc.club/> (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY Yannick, DK1YH and others are active as **DL30GER** during 2020 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the German reunification process. QSL via the bureau or direct via DK1YH. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY Special call **DL100BKW** is active throughout 2020 to mark the 100th anniversary of the first broadcast transmission from the Radio Station Koenigs Wusterhausen (22 December 1920), which is regarded as the birth of statutorily regulated broadcasting in Germany. QSL via Club Log OQRS. A certificate will be available, see qrz.com for information. (TNX DXNL)

EA, SPAIN URE San Fernando (EA7URF) is participating in the official celebrations for the 500th anniversary of the first circumnavigation of the Earth. The fourth in a series of **AM500** special event stations representing a milestone of the voyage will be **AM500ETS**, to be active from 31 October to 8 November to memorialize Ferdinand Magellan's discovery of the Estrecho de Todos los Santos, later named after Magellan himself. QSL via EA7URF (bureau or direct), LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE Members of the Radio Club de Cestas (F6KUQ) operate the special event station **TM100LY** to mark the 100th anniversary of the radio broadcast station Bordeaux-La Fayette. They are joined by **TM1LY**, run by the Radio Club du Bassin d'Arcachon (F5KAY). Both calls are active until the end of 2020. QSL for TM100LY via F6KUQ; TM1LY via F5KAY. (TNX DXNL)

F, FRANCE Michel, F8GGZ will be active as **TM50GDG** on 9-22 November to commemorate the 130th anniversary of the birth and the 50th anniversary of the death of Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French Forces in World War II and later President of France. Look for activity on 160-20 metres SSB and CW. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE Guillaume, F1IEH is active as **TM72WOW** at various times until November 22. He will operate SSB, RTTY, FT8/FT4. QSL via home call. The special callsign memorializes the flights of Wilbur and Orville Wright at Camp d'Auvours near Le Mans in late 1908. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE Members of the Radio Club de Cestas (F6KUQ) will be active as **TM30CDR** on 14-22 November. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8/FT4 on 80-6 metres. QSL via F6KUQ. The special callsign marks World Children's Day, celebrated annually on 20 November. (TNX 425DX)

HB9, SWITZERLAND **HB40HTC** and **HB40HC** are QRV for the Helvetia Telegraphy Club that is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2020. QSL via bureau and LoTW. A special activity programme - the HB Open CW Activity (HB-OCWA) Award - will be in place throughout the year to mark the anniversary, help activate the special callsigns and also "inspire amateur radio operators in Switzerland and elsewhere to increase CW activity on the HF bands. The intent of the award is to encourage and reward them for conducting sustained CW conversations rather than short-duration CW signal reports". <https://hb-ocwa.ch/>

I, ITALY Once again special callsign **IR3MD** will be in use by ARI Rovereto on 1-30 November. The suffix stands for Maria Dolens, the mighty bell casted after World War I to commemorate the fallen in all wars. QSL via IN3MDR; information on the award can be found on qrz.com. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, the UN Global Service Center ARC (4U1GSC) in Brindisi is active as **4U75B** until end December. DXCC wise, it counts for Italy. QSL via 9A2AA, direct or bureau. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Look for **II3FYT** to celebrate 5 years of Gruppo Radio Dispersi. QRV during 2020. (TNX IW3HV)

I, ITALY ARI Fidenza will use a series of special calls during 2020 to commemorate 12 major events and achievements in Guglielmo Marconi's life:

November: **II4RVT** Inauguration of Vatican Radio (1931)

December: **II4MDY** Marconi Day at Chicago World's Fair (1933)

QSL via IQ4FE, bureau or direct. See <http://arifidenza.hamlogs.net/> for the award and more info.

I, ITALY The ARI section of Bruneck activates the callsign **II3STAY** until end 2020. QSL via IN3ZWF (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

JA, JAPAN Members of the JARL Okinawa Branch are supporting the reconstruction of Shuri Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage building which burned down on Oct. 31 2019, with the special event station **8N6SHURI** during 2020. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

JA, JAPAN Special event station **8N1ABIKO** is QRV until the end of 2020 in celebration of the founding of Abiko-City, IOTA AS-007. QSL via bureau.

JT, MONGOLIA **JU85UIA** celebrates the founding of the University of Internal Affairs 85 years ago. Operators throughout 2020 are JT1CH, JT1BZ, JT1BU, JT1DR, JV1A, and JT1BV. QSL via JT1CH (d). (TNX DXNL)

LX, LUXEMBOURG **LX20I** is the special call for the LX7I contest station in Eschdorf, Luxembourg to celebrate its 20th anniversary. It will be used for most contests in 2020, starting a single-operator entry in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest (24-26 January). QSL via LX2A. A special LX20I Award will be available. <http://lx7i.com/lx20i/>

LZ, BULGARIA Special call **LZ50BFRA** is active until end 2020 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs. Founded on 26 April 1970, BFRA is the national IARU member society. QSL via LZ1BJ (bureau). (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA Wolfgang, OE1WWL is celebrating his golden jubilee in amateur radio during 2020 as **OE1970WWL**. An entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB contest is included (March 28-29) as OE0WWL. QSL via home call, bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA **OE25EU** is celebrating the 25th anniversary since Austria acceded to the European Union. It will be used during the first full weekends of November. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA **4U75A** is the special callsign for the VIC Amateur Radio Contest DX Club in Vienna, Austria to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the United Nations until end December. QSL via UA3DX. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA Celebrating the 65th anniversary of the Austrian State Treaty that re-established Austria as a sovereign state after World War II, **OE65VIE** (operated by OE6VIE, see qrz.com for QSL information) and **OE65SGU** (operated by OE3SGU, QSL via LoTW and eQSL only) are active until end December. (TNX 425DX)

OK, CZECH REPUBLIC Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Czechoslovak DX Club, special callsign **OL30DXC** will be active on all bands and modes from now until 31 December. A special QSL card will be sent automatically via the bureau; direct cards go via OK2PXJ. (TNX 425DX)

OK, CZECH REPUBLIC OK4RQ, OK1VP, OK1AY, OK1DOL, OK6DJ and OK1IWS will be active throughout 2020 with the special event callsign **OL725PLZ** to mark the founding of Plzen 725 years ago. An award is available as well. QSL via Club Log OQRS or OK1DRQ direct. (TNX DXNL)

ON, BELGIUM Members of the ONZ Oostkust Radioclub (ON6HC) commemorate the liberation of the city Knokke by Canadian forces on 1 Nov. 1944 as **OR39CLM**. QRV until November 13. The group also offers an award for this activity. QSL via ON6HC bureau. (TNX DXNL)

ON, BELGIUM To bring "Phoenix 2020 - The Great Reconstruction in the Westhoek" to worldwide attention, the radio (broadcasting) amateurs of the UBA sections ARA from Gullegem and IPR from Ypres are joining forces! With the approval of the UBA vzw and BIPT, we were granted a special, temporary club license for the entire month of November 2020 with the call sign **OP20FENIKS**. Our radio amateur station is located in the immediate vicinity of the memorial of "Hill 62", located at the Canadezenlaan in 8902 Zillebeke-Ieper. OP20FENIKS will be heard on HF (the short wave decameter bands) and on VHF (the 2m band) in SSB (phone), CW (Morse code) as well as in some Digi modes (including RTTY, SSTV and FT8). The HF station is housed by the very friendly owners of the "Hill62 Sanctuary Wood Museum", Canadalaan 26, 8902 Zillebeke-Ieper. The VHF station finds its unique place a little further on, in the grassy plain along the right side of the memorial of "Hill 62", nicely between two huge trees at about 58 m ASL. ARA & IPR activate the Special Event Station OP20FENIKS on Saturday Nov 7, Sunday Nov 8, Wednesday Nov 11, Saturday Nov 14, Sunday Nov 15, Saturday Nov 21, Sunday Nov 22, Saturday Nov 28 and Sunday 29 Nov (always between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.). During the entire month of November, the ARA Friends round on Tuesday evening and the IPR

Friends round on Thursday evening will be activated each time with our unique call OP20FENIKS.

OZ, DENMARK Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the unification of Southern Jutland with Denmark in 1920, EDR (the Danish IARU society) will activate special callsign **OZ100MILL** on all bands and modes until December 15. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL. A certificate will be available. (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Special station **PA75VERON** is active during 2020 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Vereniging voor Experimenteel Radio Onderzoek in Nederland. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using FT8. QSL via LoTW only.

S5, SLOVENIA Members of the Radio Club Cerklno are active as special event callsign **S500E** throughout 2020. Activity is to mark half a million QSO made from the S50E - JN76AD station. A special QSL will confirm each contact via the bureau in early 2021. LOG will be uploaded on ARRL LoTW and CLUBLOG on a regular basis. For those who want to send card direct please request QSL over Clublog OQRS (preferred) or send SASE with 3 US\$ or equivalent in EUR to cover return postage to QSL manager Miran Vončina S500, Cvetkova 35, 5282 Cerklno, Slovenija. Cards with insufficient postage or no return envelope will be returned via the QSL bureau. Special S500E T-shirt will be awarded to station with highest number of QSO (band/mode) from each continent and Slovenija. For more information, updates and useful links please visit Radio Club Cerklno S50E website at <http://www.s50e.si/> (TNX S50U)

SP, POLAND The special event stations **3Z40RY**, **HF40RY**, **SN40RY**, **SO40RY**, **SP40RY**, and **SQ40RY** commemorate the first RTTY QSO from Poland in 1980 (with Y23NE). QRV from October until the end of December. An award will also be available. (TNX DXNL)

SP, POLAND Special calls **3Z90PZK**, **HF90PZK**, **SN90PZK** and **SP90PZK** are QRV during 2020 to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK, Poland's IARU Society). Active during the same period are also **HF90TPAR**, **HF90TPBB**, **HF90TPBF**, **HF90TPBG**, **HF90TPCF** and **HF90TPCG**, whose suffixes memorialize the callsigns of the founding members of the Lwowski Klub Krotkofalowcow, the first amateur radio club in Poland and forefather of PZK. QSL via operator's instructions. (TNX 425DX)

TA, TURKEY Special callsign **TC35FSF** will be active on 9-11 November to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Free Software Foundation, formed in 1985 in order to promote open-source software. Look for activity on 20 and 15 metres SSB, PSK31 and Olivia 8/250. QSL via TA2OZQ and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

UR, UKRAINE Look for **EN100LT** to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Kharkiv Theater for Children and Youth. Operation until end March 2021. QSL via UT5LU.

VE, CANADA **XL3T** commemorates the end of World War II until November 24. QSL via VE3AT. (TNX DXNL)

VK, AUSTRALIA **VI75WW2** commemorates the end of World War II until November 11. <https://www.silvertrain.com.au/> (TNX DXNL)

VK, AUSTRALIA Special callsign **VI110WIA** celebrates the 110th anniversary of the Wireless Institute of Australia. Operation until end 2020, it is available for use by WIA affiliated clubs and all WIA members. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA The Wireless Institute of Australia has joined the "Stay Home" campaign and be active as **VK20HOME** until end 2020. The special call is available for use by WIA affiliated clubs and all WIA members. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

VR, HONG KONG Members of the Hong Kong Amateur Radio Transmitting Society are operating as **VR2HK90** to celebrate the 90th anniversary of their society. QRV on HF.

XE, MEXICO Look for **4A50CRH** to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Club de Radio Aficionados Hidrocalidos. Operation until end 2020 from 160 to 6 meter and satellites using CW, SSB, digi and FM. QSL via LoTW, Club Log. (TNX DXNL)

XE, MEXICO The DXXE group celebrates their 15th anniversary during 2020 with the special event callsign **4A15DXXE** on HF. Members are also planning operations with special callsigns from other countries. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

YU, SERBIA Look for **YT50SCWC** by the Serbian CW Club to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Operation during 2020. QSL via YU1MM, direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

ZS, SOUTH AFRICA ZS1820S celebrates the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the 1820 British Settlers in the Eastern Cape area of South Africa. The call sign will be active during 2020 on various bands and modes. QSL is via the bureau to ZS2EC, also via LoTW, Club Log and QRZ.

ZS, SOUTH AFRICA Look for **ZS95SARL** during 2020. This to celebrate the 95th anniversary of the South African Radio League, founded in May 1925 as South African Radio Relay League. QRV on HF, VHF, UHF and via satellites. QSL via bureau.

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